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.1 Notices

Notices shall be sent or provided to a recipient at least 10 days before the date upon which RCA will be reduced, suspended, or terminated.

- In providing notice to an applicant or recipient to indicate that assistance has been granted, denied, reduced, suspended, or terminated, the written notice shall clearly state the action that will be taken, the reasons for the action, and the right to request a hearing.
- In providing notice to an applicant or recipient to indicate that assistance has been granted, denied, reduced, suspended, or terminated, the CWD shall specify the program(s) to which the notice applied, clearly distinguishing between RCA and other assistance programs.
- .13 When a recipient is notified of termination because of reaching the time limit on RCA, the CWD shall review the case file to determine possible eligibility for CalWORKs or General Assistance due to changed circumstances. The notice to the recipient must indicate the result of that determination as well as the termination of RCA.

.2 Hearings

All applicants for and recipients of RCA shall be provided an opportunity for a hearing to: defend by confronting any adverse witnesses; present his/her own argument and evidence orally; and to contest adverse determinations.

- .21 The written notice of any hearing determination shall adequately explain the basis for the decision and the refugee's right to request any further administrative or judicial review.
- An RCA's benefits may not be terminated prior to completion of final administrative action, but are subject to recovery by the CWD if the action is sustained.
- .23 A hearing need not be granted when:
 - .231 Federal law requires automatic grant adjustments for classes of recipients unless the reason for an individual appeal is an incorrect grant computation.
 - Assistance is terminated because the eligibility time period imposed by law has been reached, unless there is a disputed issue of fact.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; and 45 CFR Sections 400.54(a) and (b).

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